Black-Listing of Contractors

3832. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NHAI has black-listed any contractor in the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that NHAI had given contracts to some unqualified road contractors in the year 2003 and 2004;

(c) whether NHAI would review such contracts given under duress to some contractors;

(d) whether NHAI has reviewed the performance of all contractors; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arsie.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

National Highway in Maharashtra

†3833. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of National Highways in Maharashtra and the amount spent on maintenance of the same during the last five years;

(b) the number of proposals pending with Government for upgradation of the State Highways of Maharashtra to National Highways; and

(c) the programmes of Government with regard to "Golden quadrilateral roads" in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The length of National Highways in Maharashtra is 4176 kms. and Rs. 290.59 crores has been spent on maintenance of the same during the last five years.

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